

**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION  
FOR  
PASTOR WALTER RELIERFORD**



Sunrise: May 7, 1935 - Sunset: June 4, 2011

**THE LOCAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION**

Thursday June 16, 2011----6:00pm-8:00pm  
900 South Second Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

**THE OFFICIAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION**

Friday June 17, 2011----11:00 am  
651 North Sixth Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

**BISHOP WILBUR WYATT HAMILTON, OFFICIATING**

## **OBITUARY**

On Saturday, June 4, 2011 the Lord called Pastor Walter Relierford home.

Pastor Relierford was born May 7, 1935 to Homer and Katie Relierford in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was the youngest of 17 children and attend Providence Elementary School and was a graduate of Shreveport High School.

In 1955 at the age of 20 he moved to Dallas, Texas. There he met and married the love of his life, Miss Jean Taylor. Through this union was born one son, Robert. His brother-in-law was stationed at Fort Ord and encouraged them to move to Seaside, California so he could be near family. They moved to San Jose in 1957 and attended St. Paul M B Church under the leadership of Pastor J. D. Houston where he served on the Deacon Board.

In 1961 they attended a revival conducted by the late Bishop Milton Mathis at Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ. Pastor Relierford was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. He was on the Deacon Board and Served as the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent and President of the Mission Department. He was truly a Man of God and loyal and faithful to his duties.

For several years he worked at FMC Corp as a welder. Later in 1978 he went on to work for Westinghouse from which he retired.

He was ordained Elder Relierford on June 11, 1986 under the late Bishop C.J. Davis at California Northwest Jurisdiction. In 1988, he was installed Pastor of Mathis Memorial Church of God in Christ by Bishop W. W. Hamilton. He was a dedicated servant and served faithfully until the Lord called him home. He was a praying man and prayed right to end, beckoning for Abraham to come.

He leaves to mourn his homegoing, his loving wife, Evangelist Jean Relierford, his son, Robert Relierford, his sister Lula Chisolm of Los Angeles, 9 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, his devoted nephew Leon Rollins and a host of other nieces and nephews, dear friends and his church family.

Though he is no longer with us, we will always remember and cherish the moments spent with him. His memory will live on through his family and friends and the Mathis Memorial Church family.

# THE LOCAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

*Honoring Pastor Walter Relierford*

*OFFICIATING: Supt. Claudel Huey – New Mission COGIC , San Jose, CA*

*Pastor Richard Osby – Lighthouse COGIC, San Jose, CA*

Thursday June 16, 2011 6 p.m.

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....PAUL SMITH

PROCESSIONAL.....FAMILY & FRIENDS

INVOCATION.....SUPT. PAUL BATES

READING OF HOLY WORD

Old Testament.....SUPT. SHERMAN HARRIS

New Testament.....PASTOR RILEY

MUSICAL SELECTION.....FIRST LADY LILY HARRIS

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE WOMEN'S DEPT.....SIS.LOUISE HANKINS

MUSICAL SELECTION.....MATHIS MEMORIAL YOUTH CHOIR

EXPRESSIONS.....FIRST LADY WILLETT HUEY  
FIRST LADY CAROLYN BATES  
FIRST LADY LUVAUDIE OSBY

EXPRESSION.....FAMILY & FRIENDS

SERMONIC SOLO.....EVANGELIST BETTY BARNES

EULOGY.....SUPT.CLAUDELL HUEL

PARTING VIEW.....CHAPEL OF FLOWERS

RECESSIONAL.....CLERGY

# THE OFFICIAL HOMEOGOING CELEBRATION

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PRELATE CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST/GENERAL BOARD SECRETARY COGIC, INC

FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2011 11:00 A.M.

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....PAUL SMITH

PROCESSIONAL.....CLERGY & FAMILY

MASTERS OF CEREMONY.....ADMIN ASST. GERALD HARRIS

INVOCATION.....SUPT. PAUL.D.BATES

## READING OF THE HOLY WORD

Old Testament.....PASTOR YUL DORN  
EMANUEL COGIC, SAN FRANCISCO

New Testament.....PASTOR DON PHILLIP  
GREATER GETHSEMANE COGIC, SAN FRANCISCO

SOLO.....PASTOR CLAUDELL HUEY

SPECIAL REMARKS.....PASTOR DELVIN CAMERON & FIRST LADY RESSIE CAMERON  
Genesis GOGIC, Gilroy, CA

REMEMBERING MY PASTOR.....SIS. FLO CAGE

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CONDOLENCES.....ROSE BENFORD

OBITUARY.....READ SILENTLY

SPECIAL TRIBUTE.....MISSIONARY LULA CHISM  
LOS ANGELES.CA

EXPRESSIONS.....FAMILY & FRIENDS

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....ADMIN.ASST.GERALD HARRIS

SOLO.....MS. YVONNE YOUNG

EULOGY .....BISHOP W.W. HAMILTON  
PRELATE CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST

RECESSIONAL.....CLERGY & FAMILY

This service continues at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, 48800 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont, CA

**PALLBEARERS:**

JAMES GOOCH

DONALD KELLEY

TONEY CHISOLM

RICHARD KORNER

SHAQUILLE COLE

STEPHEN HODGE

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS:**

CHARLIE GREEN

NATHAN NADEAU

**The Family Acknowledgment**

We thank you for the love shown and the many acts of kindness. We appreciate your great outpouring of sympathy and warm consolation. May God continue to bless each of you.

INTERNMENT: CEDAR LAWN – FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

**Final Arrangements Entrusted to**

CHAPEL OF FLOWERS

900 SOUTH SECOND STREET

SAN JOSE, CA

